# 铁苋菜中的一个新化合物

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摘要 从云南省富民县产铁苋菜(Acalypha australis L.)全草中分离并鉴定了一个新化合物,命名为铁苋菜素(australisin)。通过光谱分析测定了其结构。此外,还分离到  $\beta$ -谷甾醇( $\beta$ -sitosterol)和胡萝卜甙(daucosterol)。

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## A NEW COMPOUND FROM ACALYPHA AUSTRALIS

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Abstract A new compound named australisin (1) was isolated from the whole herb of *Acalypha* australis L. (Euphorbiaceae). Its structure was established by a spectroscopic analysis. In addition,  $\beta$ -sitosterol and daucosterol were also obtained.

Key words Acalypha australis, Euphorbiaceae, Australisin

#### INTRODUCTION

Acalypha australis L. (Euphorbiaceae), annual herb, usually occours as a troublesome weed in farmlands and road sides throughout the southern China. The whole herb is used in the treatment of dysentery, diarrhea, abdominal distension, expectorant, uterus hemorrhage, dermatitis, and eczema [1,2]. Earlier work on the genus Acalypha showed the presences of alkaloid, amide, glucoside and sterol. [3,4]

We studied the chemical constituents of the whole herb of Acalypha australis L. collected in Fuming County, Yunnan Province, China in September, 1990. A new compound was isolated and named australisin (1). Its structure was determined by spectroscopic analysis.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Australisin (1) showed the presences of three methoxy groups(CH<sub>3</sub>O × 3), three methine groups (C-3,4,7), five quarternary carbons(C-5,6,8,9,10), two olefinic carbons(C-1', C-2') and four ketonic carbons(C-1,-COO-× 3) in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR(DEPT) spectra of (1) (Table 1). The IR absorptions were indicated of the presences of benzene ring(1600—1518cm<sup>-1</sup>), hydroxl(3400cm<sup>-1</sup>), and olefinic group(1615 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY spectrum of (1) showed the correlation signal between the C-2'( $\delta$  129.7) and H-2'( $\delta$  7.12), C-7 ( $\delta$  108.9) and H-7 ( $\delta$  7.88), C-4 ( $\delta$  35.6) and H-4( $\delta$  6.21), C-3

 $(\delta79.4)$  and H-3( $\delta$  5.88) and three correlation signals between the carbon and the hydrogen in each carboxymethyl group, respectively. In the  $^1H^{-1}H$  COSY spectrum of (1), the coupling correlation signal between H-3 ( $\delta$  5.88) and H-4 ( $\delta$  6.21) with a small coupling constant (J = 1.6 Hz), H-4 ( $\delta$  6.21) and H-2' ( $\delta$  7.12)could be observed, and the connection of C-3 and C-4 was determined. Therefore, we suggested that australisin possessed a carbon skeleton similar to chebulic acid (2) (55).

Table 1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of australisin(1)

(400 MHz, C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N, TMS)

С	$\delta_{\rm C}({\rm ppm})$	$\delta_{ m H}({ m ppm})$	С	$\delta_{ m C}({ m ppm})$	$\delta_{\rm H}({ m ppm})$		
1	164.7s		1'	143.3s			
3	79.4d	5.88(1H,d,J=1.6Hz)	2′	129.7d	7.12(1H, br		
4	35.6d	6.21(1H,br s)	COOCH <sub>3</sub>	170.7s			
5	117.8s			52.9q	3.50(3H, s)		
6	141.5s			166.9s			
7	108.9d	7.88(1H, s)		52.5q	3.50(3H, s)		
8	147.6s			166.0s	3.65(3H, s)		
9	116.5s			52.1q			
10	145.3s						

Assignments were based on <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C COSY.

Fig.1: australisin(1)

chebulic acid(2)

In order to determining the location of the aromatic proton, the COLOC spectrum of (1) was measured. It was the long-range correlation signals of (1) from its COLOC spectrum in Table 2. Therefore, the aromatic proton was located at the C-7 position.

Table 2 Long-range correlation signals from COLOC of australisin									
$(C_5D_5N, 400 \text{ MHz}, TMS)$									

Н	C-1	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	C-7	C-8	C-9	C-10	C-1'	C-2'	-COO- (166.0)	-COO- (166.9)	-COO- (170.7)
3	*		*					*		*		(100.0)	(100.7)	(170.7)
4		*		*				*	*	*	*			
7	*			*	*		*	*						•
2′			*							*			*	
-OCH <sub>3</sub>												*		
(3.65)														
-OCH <sub>3</sub>													*	
(3.50)														
-OCH <sub>3</sub>														
(3.50)														•

The unusual lowfield chemical shift for  $H-4(\delta 6.21)$  was caused by two weak hydrogen bonding effection between COOCH<sub>3</sub>-3 and H-4, and COOCH<sub>3</sub>-1' and H-4 (Fig. 2).

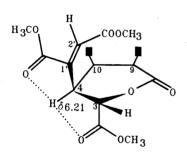


Fig.2: Hydrogen bonds within australisin(1)

Long-range coupling pattern between H-4 and H-2' was observed in the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of (1), and the configuration of the double bond was a trans one. Thus, the structure of australisin is (1).

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

Mps: uncorr.; IR: KBr; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.52 MHz), TMS as int. standard; EI-MS: 70eV.

Extraction and isolation: The air-dried whole plant (1300g) were powderd and ex-

tracted with MeOH (50°C). Evapn. of the solvent afford a residue (118g), which was descoloured by active charcoal and dissolved in  $H_2O$ . The aq. solution was extracted with EtOAc. The lipophilic phase (34g) was chromatographed over silica gel, eluted with the increasing proportions of PE-EtOAc. In the PE-EtOAc (3:7) eluation, australisin (0.05g) was obtained and finally purified by recrystalization.

**Australisin(1),**  $C_{17}H_{16}O_{11}$ , ([M]<sup>+</sup>m/z396), colorless crystal. mp: 151— 153.5°C. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3400, 2950, 1725, 1615, 1600, 1518, 1485, 1430, 1375, 1300— 1225, 1110, 1050. EIMS m/z (70eV): 396 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 305 (base). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data see Table 1.

 $\beta$ -Sitosterol, colorless needles. mp 140°C . IR  $^{\text{KBr}}_{\text{max}}$ cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3500, 2930, 1470, 1380, 1065, 960. MS m/z:414, 396, 381, 329, 303, 273, 255, 213, 43.Mp, IR, TLC were identical with an authentic sample.

**Daucosterol,** amorphous powder. mp $>300^{\circ}$ C. IR  $_{\rm max}^{\rm KBr}$ cm $^{-1}$ :3400, 2960, 2930, 2850, 1450, 1375, 1360, 1160, 1100, 1075, 1025. IR and TLC were identical with an authentic sample.

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